

Instructions for Beneficiary Country Governments to Apply for Approval of Handloomed/Handmade/Folklore Articles Under Category 9

Prior to consultations, each interested beneficiary country government should submit a list of products they propose for designation, with detailed descriptions and a representative sample of each product. This will facilitate the government-to-government consultations by allowing the United States time to study and review the products.

Eligible goods must be either (a) hand-loomed fabrics; (b) hand-made goods made of such hand-loomed fabrics; or (c) traditional folklore goods. Each item of folklore should include the folklore article's name as well as a detailed description of the article. The comprehensive description should include the size, dimension, shape, pattern, color and/or any other specific ways of identifying the product as a traditional folklore good of that country/region and also including historical aspects and usage.

"Folklore articles" are generally apparel, apparel accessories or decorative furnishings. This part of the provision is limited and is intended to benefit producers making uniquely traditional and historical folklore goods. The shape and design of traditional folklore articles must be traditionally and historically from that country/region. The items may not include "modern" features such as zippers, elastic, elasticized fabric, hook-and-pile fasteners (such as "Velcro"® or similar holding fabric). As each item's design must be uniquely traditional and historical in nature, patterns such as airplanes, buses, cowboys, cartoon characters and holiday/festival designs not common to sub-Saharan African culture, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, would not be permitted.

The list of descriptions and samples should be sent to Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20230. The Department of Commerce stands ready to assist Government officials. Questions may be posed directly to the Department of Commerce in the Washington, D.C., at telephone number (202) 482-3400.